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Idaho Potato Production Up 12 Percent

Idaho's potato production is expected to total 131 million cwt, up 12 percent from last year's 116 million cwt and 1 percent above the 2007 crop. Planted acres of 320,000 and harvested acres of 319,000 are up 15,000 acres from 2008. Statewide, yield is 411 cwt (field-run basis), up 28 cwt from last year and 25 cwt more than the previous record of 386 achieved in 2006. Yield in the 10 Southwestern counties, at 500 cwt, decreased 40 cwt from 2008. Acreage for the 10 Southwest counties, at 19,000 acres planted and harvested, increased 4,000 acres from last year. Because of the acreage increase, total production in the area is up 17 percent from last year at 9.50 million cwt. In Idaho's "other counties," yield is estimated at 405 cwt, compared to 375 cwt a year ago. This is the highest yield recorded for this area. Other area production from 300,000 harvested acres is expected to total 122 million cwt, 12 percent above last year's 108 million cwt.

Potatoes: Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production by Seasonal Group, State, and United States, 2008-2009

States	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>				<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
WINTER 1/	11.0	9.0	11.0	8.7	230	245	2,530	2,132
SPRING 1/	70.3	75.6	68.8	73.4	293	291	20,132	21,325
SUMMER 1/	47.2	43.9	45.1	42.5	306	346	13,805	14,705
FALL								
California	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	470	495	3,948	4,158
Colorado	57.0	56.0	56.9	55.2	385	395	21,907	21,804
IDAHO, ALL	305.0	320.0	304.0	319.0	383	411	116,475	131,000
- 10 SW Counties	15.0	19.0	15.0	19.0	540	500	8,100	9,500
- Other Areas	290.0	301.0	289.0	300.0	375	405	108,375	121,500
Maine	56.0	56.0	54.7	55.5	270	270	14,769	14,985
Massachusetts	2.8	3.5	2.7	3.5	260	260	702	910
Michigan	43.0	45.0	42.5	43.5	350	355	14,875	15,443
Minnesota	50.0	47.0	48.0	45.0	425	460	20,400	20,700
Montana	10.9	11.0	10.5	10.0	330	350	3,465	3,500
Nebraska	19.5	20.0	19.4	19.8	425	410	8,245	8,118
Nevada	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.1	410	445	2,378	2,270
New Mexico	5.9	6.5	5.9	6.4	390	420	2,301	2,688
New York	18.0	17.1	17.8	16.5	320	300	5,696	4,950
North Dakota	82.0	83.0	81.0	75.0	280	250	22,680	18,750
Ohio	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.1	325	335	683	704
Oregon, ALL	35.3	37.0	35.3	37.0	529	570	18,676	21,090
- Malheur, Co. 2/	2.8		2.8		460		1,288	
- Other OR 2/	32.5		32.5		535		17,388	
Pennsylvania	10.0	10.0	9.5	9.5	265	310	2,518	2,945
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	280	210	140	84
Washington	155.0	145.0	155.0	145.0	600	610	93,000	88,450
Wisconsin	63.5	63.5	62.0	63.0	415	460	25,730	28,980
TOTAL FALL	931.1	936.9	922.0	919.9	411	426	378,588	391,529
UNITED STATES	1,059.6	1,065.4	1,046.9	1,044.5	396	411	415,055	429,691

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast. 2/ Estimates discontinued in 2009.

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Potato Highlights

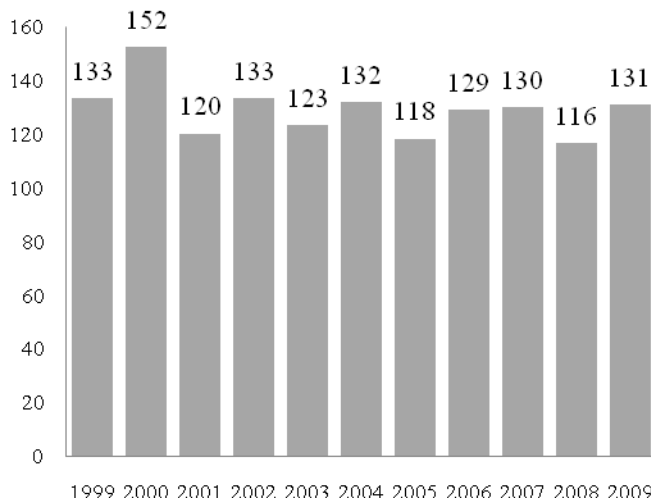
Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2009 is forecast at 392 million cwt, up 3 percent from 2008. Area harvested, at 919,900 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate. The average yield, forecast at 426 cwt per acre, is up 15 cwt per acre from last year's yield and, if realized, will be the highest yield on record.

Western States: In eastern Washington, potato harvest was near completion. Despite weather delays, progress was the same as last year's pace and the 5-year average. In Colorado, growing conditions were favorable in the San Luis Valley, however, an early frost and disease led to an increase in abandonment this year. Oregon's crop had a normal start without any widespread delays during planting. In California, favorable weather conditions aided yields and resulted in good crop quality reports from growers.

Central States: In North Dakota, planting began later than normal and remained behind average throughout the planting season. Crop condition was rated fair to good throughout the growing season. Wisconsin growers reported above average crop conditions and good quality. Cool temperatures and timely rain provided good growing conditions for Michigan potatoes. Late blight was reported across the State, but farmers were able to take corrective action when needed.

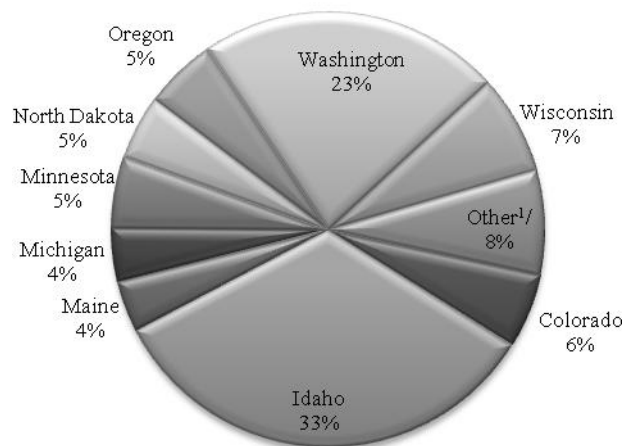
Eastern States: In Maine, cool, dry conditions aided growers with an early start to potato planting. Warm weather was welcomed in mid-August, but dry conditions continued into mid-September, preventing tubers from increasing in size.

Idaho Potato Production ^{1/}
Million Cwt.



^{1/} November Forecast Production for 2009
USDA NASS Idaho Field Office

Fall Potato Production
United States, November 10, 2009
(Percent of U.S. Production)



^{1/} Other States Listed in Table on Previous Page
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Sugarbeet Production

Idaho's sugarbeet production for 2009 is forecast at 5.59 million tons, up 54 percent from the 3.62 million tons produced a year ago. Yield of 34.3 tons per acre is up from last year's 31.2 tons per acre. Harvested acres of 163,000 are up from 2008's 116,000 harvested acres. Nationally, sugarbeet production for the U. S. is forecast at 29.4 million tons, 10 percent above last year's production of 26.8 million tons. Area for harvest, at 1.15 million acres, is up 15 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 25.6 tons per acre, down 1.1 tons from last year.

Mid-October Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of October showed increases for alfalfa hay, all barley, feed barley, cows, and milk. Price declines were recorded for malting barley, dry beans, potatoes, all wheat, cattle, steers and heifers, and calves.

Nationally, the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October, at 135 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 9 points (7.1 percent) from September. Producers received higher prices for lettuce, corn, milk, and broccoli and lower prices for broilers, cattle, snap beans, and cucumbers.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, October 2008-October 2009

Commodity	Idaho				United States			
	Unit	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009 ^{1/}	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	229.00	112.00	115.00	171.00	110.00	109.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	6.52	5.36	5.46	5.73	4.78	3.94	43
Feed	Bu.	3.57	2.53	2.70	3.82	2.14	1.96	--
Malting	Bu.	7.48	5.67	5.60	6.20	5.32	4.60	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	39.20	30.80	29.10	40.00	30.40	28.60	44
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	6.65	7.20	6.75	7.60	8.27	7.79	41
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	11.90	5.60	--	17.59	9.77	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.50	7.70	--	5.61	7.90	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	6.85	4.83	4.79	6.65	4.48	4.56	34
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	76.20	75.90	72.60	87.40	80.60	78.90	33
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	45.70	45.50	46.00	48.40	44.40	43.70	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	88.10	84.50	83.00	92.90	85.50	84.00	--
Calves	Cwt.	89.00	99.00	97.00	106.00	107.00	103.00	30
Lambs	Cwt.	101.00	95.00	--	97.40	98.40	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	16.70	12.20	13.00	17.80	12.90	13.80	30 ^{7/}

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	September 2008	October 2008	September 2009		October 2009 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	154	150	127	126	135
Prices Paid	190	187	176	175	175
Ratio ^{1/}	81	80	72	72	77

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Pea and Lentil Production

Idaho's dry edible pea production is estimated at 817,000 cwt, an increase of 51 percent from the 540,000 cwt produced in 2008. Lentil production of 624,000 cwt is up 77 percent from last year's 352,000 cwt. Austrian winter pea production of 96,000 cwt is up 71 percent from the 56,000 cwt produced in 2008. Dry edible pea production for the U. S. is expected to total 17.4 million cwt, up 42 percent from the 2008 estimate. Lentil production, at 5.83 million cwt is up 144 percent from 2008. Austrian winter pea production of 157,000 cwt is up 51 percent from last year.

U.S. Dairy Products September 2009 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 845 million pounds, 4.4 percent above September 2008 but 0.5 percent below August 2009.

Italian type cheese production totaled 351 million pounds, 3.4 percent above September 2008 and 0.4 percent above August 2009.

American type cheese production totaled 341 million pounds, 6.4 percent above September 2008 but 1.1 percent below August 2009.

Butter production was 94.6 million pounds, 21.9 percent below September 2008 and 6.2 percent below August 2009.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with September 2008)

Nonfat dry milk, human --- 87.1 million pounds, up 1.8 percent.

Skim milk powders --- 12.6 million pounds, down 67.6 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with September 2008)

Dry whey, total --- 86.9 million pounds, up 1.1 percent.

Lactose, human and animal --- 58.6 million pounds, down 0.3 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total --- 34.6 million pounds, up 4.5 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with September 2008)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 74.3 million gallons, down 2.1 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 31.2 million gallons, up 4.1 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.37 million gallons, down 5.9 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 5.81 million gallons, up 0.5 percent.